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## PROTESTING FARMERS MAKE FIRM DEMANDS

Mass Meeting to be Held  
Here Saturday After-  
noon.

### RESOLUTIONS DRAFTED

Revolt Against Ewingism  
Assumes Most Formid-  
able Proportions.

The farmers' meeting held at Longview Saturday has been followed up by another meeting and the drafting of resolutions, which are set forth in the signed articles below:

#### OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

"Mass meeting of South Christian county farmers representing more than one million pounds of tobacco was held at Longview school house on Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock p. m. and the tobacco situation considered. It was decided in view of the general dissatisfaction with the association's system of selling, that some action must be taken, that it was not best that decisive steps be taken by this local meeting but that a mass meeting be held at Hopkinsville in the court house on Saturday, the 13th, at 1 o'clock; that every tobacco grower in Christian and adjoining counties make every sacrifice necessary to be present; that they come to give expression to what

they believe is best for the community and not for themselves; to advise the executive committee of the Dark Tobacco Growers' Association what is best to be done to avoid further disorganization and try and evolve some plan to preserve the association and make it satisfactory to the tobacco growers.

"Everybody, from the various bootleggers to the Christian county executive committee, is directly interested in this question, namely, shall we continue the association, if so, how best to do it?

"R. L. NICHOLS, Chairman.  
J. P. BELL, Secretary and 75 other Tobacco Growers of South Christian.

WHAT THE MEETING AT THE COURT HOUSE ON THE 13TH IS FOR.

"We believe the present system of selling tobacco as adopted by the association to be the most pernicious and injurious possible to the farmers; that it has discouraged the tobacco growers and is disorganizing the association; that we advise the executive committee to at once call a special meeting and adopt some system that will dispel distrust and discord and prevent dissolution; that unless this action is taken at once it is the opinion of this body that it will be too late to remedy the breach already made in our ranks.

"We also urge the other counties and communities interested in the growth of dark tobacco to promptly take such action as they deem best for the general welfare. That in this way we may save the association and an inheritance handed down by our fathers and forefathers for more than 100 years.

"We believe that in holding this meeting we will have done what we could to hold the association together; that this meeting has been held that everybody interested in this subject may take a hand in this effort to place the association upon a

## CHAIRMAN BARKER MAKES AN APPEAL

Urges Association Members Not To Be  
Stampeded and Destroy the  
Farmers' Organization.

### PRECINCT MEETINGS FOR TO-DAY

To the farmers of Christian Co.:

In my opinion you are facing a most serious situation in your general affairs, and a most critical one in the affairs of your County Organization of the Planters Protective Association.

I am impelled to say this and to write the following by the open manifestation of disloyalty to, almost defiance of the Association, by a number of farmers of Longview precinct and adjacent thereto, last Saturday afternoon.

To you men who took part in that meeting and who contemplate further promotion of the purposes of that meeting, I wish to make this one more and last appeal to your common sense and sense of right and justice toward your fellow farmers.

The question naturally presents itself, "What is the object of your meeting and what will be its effect if successful?"

After a long, plain talk with one of your number, Dr. Austin Bell, I understand that you demand of Mr. Ewing or the Association, that the Association sell your tobacco loose or that you be released from your pledges. Yet when I ask if any plan is offered by which the Association can sell Christian county tobacco loose none is offered. And when I ask if you people are willing to wait till the Association can dispose of the tobacco, even loose, at the Association price, I am told it is very doubtful, that you want to sell immediately.

No, gentlemen, it seems plain to me that your wish and your purpose is one of two things. 1st—To disrupt the Association by starting a movement to disregard your pledges and sell every man for himself, or 2nd—To let the Association continue to exist and hold up prices, while

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the outside.

I believe every one of you is too good a business man not to believe deep down in your heart that it would be a great calamity to this country to destroy the organization, the co-operation of the farmers.

By means of this organization, Dr. John Bell told me in the presence of twenty witnesses, that he was delighted with the sale of his 1907 crop. L. L. Leavell in the same presence told me the same thing. Where is your kick, gentlemen?

Dr. Austin Bell told me he was not dissatisfied with the prices he had gotten. I feel sure Holland Garrett would say the same thing.

Do you really believe you can make more money out of raising tobacco without co-operation among farmers?

I know you will not admit that you want to reap the benefits of selling outside while the Association members carry the burden of holding up prices.

Another thing, why is it that Longview precinct in the main, and those adjacent thereto, should object most strenuously to the hardships incident to the maintenance of prices, when it is without doubt the richest section of Christian county, while at the same time we have in various less rich sections solid masses of people doing all they can to uphold the Association in its efforts.

Truly, gentlemen, it seems to me that you are making a mistake or else you have a very selfish motive.

I have the kindest feeling for you and claim many of you as my personal friends, and I entreat you to pause and consider well what you do.

And now to the farmers in general. First I would say don't lose sight of the fact that the farmers make up the Association. Each one of you is an integral part of it. Without your active co-operation Mr. Ewing, the Board of Directors and the county committee can do nothing, for they will have nothing to do with. Don't deceive yourself into thinking that all of you can sell your tobacco on the outside but still Mr. Ewing, etc., will hold up prices for you.

Then the question is very pertinent in view of present circumstances.

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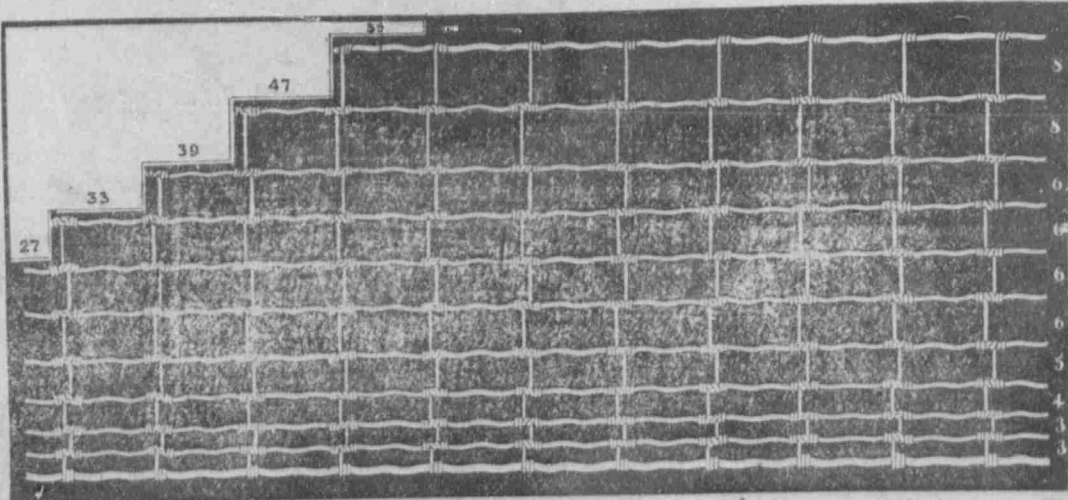
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